

Serial No. 10/687,761
Response dated September 22, 2006 in
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
dated August 29, 2006.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 29, 2006, the Legal Instruments Examiner indicated that the applicant's amendment dated August 17, 2006, was non-compliant because some of the claims (claims 20 and 21) were not provided with the proper status identifier. In addition, the Examiner pointed out that insufficient funds were forwarded to the United States Patent Office to cover the requisite excess claim fees and as a result, \$100 (excess claim fees for four dependent claims) are still owing.

To address these concerns, the applicant has, in the attached claim listing pages, amended the status identifiers of claim 20 and 21 such that they now read "currently amended". In addition, the applicant has now cancelled claims 22 to 25 (which had previously been withdrawn from prosecution). With the deletion of claims 22 to 25, it is respectfully submitted that no additional fees are due in respect of excess claim fees.

The present amendment imports no new subject matter into the application.

The applicant respectfully requests that the present amendment be entered along with the remarks/arguments in the previously-filed response dated August 17, 2006. If after reviewing this amendment, the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters, the undersigned attorney may be contacted at the number set forth herein below.

Respectfully submitted,

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